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XIV. EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF BODIES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 14 concurrently with item 13 (see chap. XIII) at its 12th and 13th meetings, on 23 and 24 March, at its 15th meeting, on 25 March, at its 31st meeting, on 3 April 1998, and at its 51st meeting, on 17 April 1998. 1/

2. For the documents issued under agenda item 14, see annex IV to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairman's statements, by agenda item, see annex V to the present report.

3. At the 15th meeting, on 25 March 1998, a statement was made by Mr. Philip Alston, Chairman of the eighth and ninth meetings of the Chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies.

4. In the general debate on agenda item 14, statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Austria (13th), Brazil (13th), China (13h), Cuba (13th), India (13th), Poland (13th), Republic of Korea (13th), Russian Federation (13th).

5. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Australia (on behalf of Canada and New Zealand) (13th), Norway (12th), Romania (13th).

6. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters (13th), Asian Cultural Forum on Development (12th), Association for World Education (on behalf of African Association of Education for Development, Associated Country Women of the World, Association of World Citizens, Christian Solidarity International, Coalition against Trafficking in Women, Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, Education International, General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, International Alliance of Women-Equal Rights, Equal Responsibilities, International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, International Council of Jewish Women, International Council of Women, International Federation of Resistance Movements, International Federation of University Women, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism, International Movement for Fraternal Union among Races and Peoples, International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, International Service for Human Rights, Lutheran World Federation, Movement against Racism and for Friendship among

Peoples, Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association, Socialist International Women, Soroptimist International, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, World Federation for Mental Health, World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, World Federation of Trade Unions, World Jewish Congress, World Union for Progressive Judaism, World Vision International, World Young Women's Christian Association, Zonta International) (12th), European Union of Public Relations (13th), World Jewish Congress (13th), World Muslim Congress (13th).

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7. At the 31st meeting, on 3 April 1998, the representative of Canada introduced draft decision E/CN.4/1998/L.15, sponsored by Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, New Zealand, Norway, Romania and Spain. Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Chile, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ukraine and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

8. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications 3/ of the draft resolution.

9. At the request of the representatives of Canada and Cuba, consideration of the draft resolution was postponed.

10. At its 51st meeting, on 17 April 1998, the Commission resumed consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.15.

11. Operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution was orally revised by the representative of Canada.

12. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/27.

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